



ACBL BOD Update

District 11 Board Meeting

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Agenda



- **Philadelphia BOD Meeting**
- **EDGAR Status/Results**



Summer 2025 NABC BOD Meeting



Key Items from Summer NABC (1 of 4)



- Finance - June 2025
 - Change in net assets from operations: \$355K
 - Change in market value of investments: \$332
 - Change in net assets: \$687 (vs. budget of **-\$346**)
- Balance Sheet is Strong
 - Net Assets: \$11.9M (vs. \$9.9M in June 2024)
- Membership down from 129,206 in July 2024 to 121,499 (as of July 2025): 6% decrease
 - Added 4145 new members (vs. 4034 for same period 2024)
 - New Guest Members 4304 (vs. 1948)
 - *Continue to lose more members than we add, however*
- New Masterpoint category: Titanium points
 - For MPs won in NABC (not +) events. Would count as Gold points for ranking



Key Items from Summer NABC (2 of 4)

- **Growing the game**
 - Task Force for Rewarding Members through Rank Advancement recently created.
 - Formally recognize player achievements at key milestones
 - Goal: increase player engagement and competitive bridge participation
 - Sapphire Program instituted: badges earned for progress and activities. Players will be able to combine Sapphires with cash to make purchases at an upcoming store.
 - Guest Memberships
 - Free and do not expire. Only need to give name, email, and zip code.
 - Integrated with Sapphire Program – clear pathway to transition to full membership
 - May earn up to 20 MPs before having to upgrade to full membership. Discounted rate for 1st year.
- **Improving tournaments**
 - Online events at F2F Regionals will no longer be approved. They were more trouble (and costly) than they were worth. Those already sanctioned will be allowed to proceed.
 - ACBL is updating internal Regional planning document. Area Managers will serve as SMEs.



Key Items from Summer NABC (3 of 4)



- **Improving tournaments (cont'd)**
 - Mgmt exploring “staff-lite” approach. Try to more accurately estimating staffing needs. Go low and have backups on-call.
 - Encouraging pre-registration. It would allow better planning and more accurate staffing. Looking to expand Entry Express for Regionals.
 - Evaluating future of Local Sectionals
- **Unit Presidents’ Handbook neing updated**
 - Will be online by end of 2025.
- **Revisions to Disciplinary Regulations**
 - **Club discretion for suspended players**
 - Club Managers are able to approve suspended players to play in selected club games (no STaC, NAP Qual, ...)
 - Players must have submitted Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge (EC/FPP), may not play with complicity partner, nor earn MPs.
 - Does not include those expelled or who resigned pending charges.



Key Items from Summer NABC (4 of 4)



- **Revisions to Disciplinary Regulations (cont'd)**
 - **Players whose cheating clearly ended before 2022, who entered into Fast Track Discipline (FTD) will get reductions.**
 - Those with fewer than 5000 MPs will get Official Warning (still counts as 1st strike).
 - Players with 5000 or more MPs, will get 60-day suspension (time served, if they have already been suspended for 60+ days)
 - Negotiated Resolutions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
 - **EC/FPP will no longer require an admission of guilt (will be like a “No Contest”)**
 - **Official Warnings will no longer require EC/FPP**
 - **Management recently communicated these changes to all members**
 - **The Players under Discipline (PUD) list (formerly Members under Discipline) has be reworked and is now sortable by type of discipline, name, District, Unit. It is updated several times per day.**
- **Fall 2028 NABC Experiment**
 - **Management has proposed an experiment to focus on NABC/NABC+ events. If successful, could be model for all Spring/Fall NABCs. Summer will not change.**
 - **More National events with flights same as GNT.**
 - **Will require pre-registration.**
 - **Will open up more potential cities/venues due to lesser space required.**



Computer-Based Cheating Detection/Discipline Update



CBCD Summary (July 2025)



REQUEST					EXAMINATION			CHARGE				RESOLUTION							YELLOW		
Date Requested	Date Returned	Players Requested*	Reds from players Requested	% of Reds from Players Requested	Players Examined*	Reds from Players Examined	% of Reds from Total Players Examined	Reds Charged (excluding Stripes)	Red Stripes Charged	Y or G partners of a Red Stripe Charged	Reds Charged w Multiple Partners	EDP	FTD	IBA	NR	RTAD	Warning	Pending	Yellows from Players Examined	Yellows w Red Partner	Y/G Stripes
1/31/24	2/14/24	190	1	0.53%	834	2	0.24%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/1/24	2/14/24	168	0	0.00%	558	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2/9/24	2/16/24	205	4	1.95%	488	4	0.82%	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
2/14/24	2/26/24	894	18	2.01%	3137	36	1.15%	25	0	0	7	0	4	3	12	4	2	0	28	0	6
2/22/24	3/9/24	981	20	2.04%	3171	56	1.77%	53	0	0	16	1	27	1	7	0	12	2	60	7	0
3/7/24	3/8/24	11	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4/8/24	5/2/24	1196	50	4.18%	4065	83	2.04%	73	1	1	4	3	42	2	7	0	14	7	36	3	12
5/21/24	5/21/24	8	8	100.00%	17	8	47.06%	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
6/13/24	6/20/24	1559	36	2.31%	4649	54	1.16%	51	1	0	5	1	27	2	5	3	10	4	48	4	0
7/26/24	8/7/24	2013	59	2.93%	6273	100	1.59%	86	3	2	7	2	43	2	11	4	19	10	55	9	6
9/16/24	10/10/24	6	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/7/24	1/7/25	4858	441	9.08%	14636	662	4.52%	590	0	0	58	1	427	3	3	13	128	15			
OTHER		35	2	5.71%	35	2	5.71%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			
TOTAL		12124	639	5.27%	37875	1007	2.66%	892	5	3	97	10	571	15	50	24	185	42	237	23	24

**The changes in some of the number of players requested and examined are due to early adjustments in reporting methods, exclusion of online handles without ACBL numbers, and the initial inclusion of employees and members who had no online play or handles.*

Notes:

- Players Examined: Excludes partners of players with no ACBL # associated w the online handle. Includes Reds identified as Stripe.
- Reds Charged: The following reasons are why a player may not be charged: deceased, previously charged on prior examination, player RTAD prior to examination, or the matter is pending further investigation.
- EDP: The EDP on 2/9/24 resulted in expulsion of both players.
- Y or G partners of a Red Stripe Charged: Player listed are also included in "Yellows from Player Examined" and in "Y/G Stripes".

Legend

- EDP: Expedited Disciplinary Panel
- FTD: Fast-Track Discipline
- IBA: Institute for Bridge Arbitration
- NR: Negotiated Resolution
- RTAD: Resigned to Avoid Discipline



CBCD Update

- as of Jul 23, 2025 -



- Latest runs were 11/7/24 (4856 players) and 35 ad hoc runs (committees, AC members, ...)
- Much time (since MEM) has been spent on finishing Nov 7 processing, disciplinary changes, and CDR updates
 - New 10,000 player run to be submitted in August
- Players charged: 900
- Overall rate of Reds now ~3% (will come down somewhat, as all prior PMs have been run)
- IBA Update
 - 3 Cases (5 players) resolved since MEM
 - 4 Cases (7 players) completed, awaiting verdict
 - 4 Cases (8 players) pending



Questions?